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TO ADVERTISERS.

In justice to ourselves and to you we wish to state that the circulation of the TRANSCRIPT is over 1,200 copies weekly and has been for the past five months. We believe this to be at least 25 per cent. greater than any other country weekly in the county. This statement is made merely to correct an erroneous impression which obtains in certain quarters.

WHO WOULD BELIEVE IT!

"Just at the time the solid South was macerated by the Republican cyclone the solid North also received a severe contusion. Mr. James Campbell Matthews, a colored lawyer in Albany, N. Y., was elected Recorder in that city by the Democrats. He defeated his competitor, a white man and a Republican, by 2000 majority. Mr. Matthews, by virtue of his victory, called out the County of Albany Sessions and to call out the militia when necessary to repress civil disorder. Never before has a colored citizen received such substantial honor at the hands of fellow-citizens in any Northern State. Mr. Matthews was selected by President Cleveland, in 1885, for Recorder of Deeds at Washington, but his nomination was rejected by the Senate. His election to a more important office by popular vote is a great triumph, and his success and doubtful will be a source of gratification to his colored compatriots in all parts of the country."—Philadelphia Record Nov. 12th.

Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph."

Oh! How could the Record, that faithful Democratic paper, publish such a cruel fact—the election of a negro by the Democrats in the Democratic city of Albany to be a judge, to sit upon the bench as his office entitles him! Why should not such a calamity (in the eyes of the White Man's Party) be suppressed? If this man Matthews had been elected by the Republicans not a Democratic paper in Delaware or Maryland but would have proclaimed the fact to the world as an evidence of the "love of Republicans for the nigger, a pledge for mixed schools." Matthews is black but he is smart and unscrupulous. President Cleveland nominated him for Recorder of Deeds in Washington in 1885, the best office in the District of Columbia, but the Senate turned him down because of his character. Cleveland nominated another negro for the same office who was accepted by the Senate and at the beginning of his last Administration he did the same thing, selected a negro who was removed because of his indecent proposals to his white lady clerks. Every intelligent editor of a Democratic paper should be ashamed in view of these facts in the future to refer to a White Man's Party. The fact is the last Democratic Governor in this State, Robert J. Reynolds, was elected by negro votes, voted solicited and paid for by Democratic politicians. Let nothing more be said of the "Negro Party."

The TRANSCRIPT has said before that the best interests of the south demand a division of the colored vote. That being done the south is for Protection and it will naturally turn to the Republican Party, the party that believes in America for Americans and the protection of home industries. Let the negro be protected in all his rights, educate him, encourage him to labor and to save part of his earnings, in short to make a good citizen of him, but let him not be the balance of power between parties by corrupt influences. Let the negro be educated not corrupted that he may become a better citizen. The south must have the labor of the colored race, the country is nothing without it and it is not only practicing humanity and Christianity towards the negro to treat him well but the economy and prosperity of the south demands it.

But we have gotten away from our text. Who would believe that the Democratic Party would elect a negro to one of the best offices in the city of Albany, the capital of the Empire State, the seat of northern Democracy! Certainly the "sun do move." It is strange the Democratic papers have not heard of this. It is true, however, because the Record said so. What think ye of it, ye men who have stood by the so-called White Man's Party? Is it any wonder that Republicans laugh at you? "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon," for verily in this victory is the surest defeat to Democracy.

The Democratic editors are amusing. The Index says this week the Democrats in Maryland, New York and Kentucky have rebelled against boss rule and it calls upon Delaware Republicans to do the same, when the Republicans are not in power in the State. It weeps Crocodile tears over Kent county and says the Republican Party there "is working to-day for no definite aim except the advancement of one man." Name him. Who is he? Why beat around in the dark? Name him. Is he the man who contributed to the Democratic campaign fund through ex-Chancellor Wolcott because it might do him good personally? Is he the man? Only a few months ago this man was a good fellow, a "substantial" contributor to the Index. Verily! Name the man.

DEMOCRATIC CONSOLATION. Our friends the enemy are abstracting consolation from the recent elections. Of course it is like the good one gets from quinine, it leaves a very disagreeable taste in the mouth; but still we are glad to see them find some consolation after the dose has been taken.

President Cleveland is said to be smiling secretly and serenely at the defeat of Gorman, Brice, Hill, Blackburn, Smith & Co., who opposed his tariff reform ideas, while these political sages look upon the battle of the ballots, and see the death knell of the "third term" in the vote of November 5th.

A comparison of that vote with the vote of 1881, just previous to the last Presidential election and the votes of that election and the passage of the Democratic reform tariff, is interesting. Here it is by majorities, the Democratic majorities being marked by an X:

1881	1884	1894	1895
4,467	25,087	65,367	64,776
N. Y.			
7,935	24,484	156,108	97,169
N. J.			
13,909	23,829	48,478	25,999
Penn.			
58,152	135,146	241,307	174,247
Md.			
30,151	19,295	13,982	95,549
Ohio			
21,011	30,985	13,982	17,500
Kan.			
28,081	32,210	79,896	64,163
Iowa.			
7,816	32,210	79,896	64,163
Neb.			
4,136	6,966	3,202	10,500
Ka.			
		37,794	40,000

This is a picture of "before and after taking" the Democratic Reform tariff and the present administrations. It seems to have played havoc with the Democratic majorities. The vote of November 5th last shows the following increase in the Republican majorities over the vote of four years ago, wiping out as the X indicates in many instances large Democratic majorities:

New York increase majority	145,104
Pennsylvania	116,065
Ohio	73,837
Massachusetts	71,243
Iowa	56,347
Arkansas	49,167
New Jersey	39,067
Nebraska	14,636

It is said that "hope springs eternal in the human breast" and we are glad of it, and rejoice that our Democratic friends can find any consolation in these figures. To the average mind they point unmistakably to a Republican President next year and to a return of the good times under the protective policy of the G. O. P. President Cleveland during his first term had not the opportunity to show what was in him or his party. He operated under Republican laws and always had a Republican Senate to hold him in check, but by the cry of "robber tariff," "down with the corporations," and "making the rich richer and the poor poorer" the people were seduced three years ago, and a sorry three years have been. President Cleveland has had the opportunity to show what he can do and the people have spoken three times since, in 1883, in 1884, in 1895. The above figures indicate how they have spoken. They will speak again in 1896 and if our Democratic friends can extract any consolation from the above figures in anticipation of what the people will say, we are glad of it. There is happiness enough for us in the result they foreshadow, and may the coming candidate be Thos. B. Reed, the biggest man in the country to-day.

ARE YOU CONTENT?

"The Levy Court yesterday passed a resolution allowing the special constables to receive pay, and we have no doubt the bad editor of the TRANSCRIPT is content." * * * * * The Court, to a man, expressed itself as being opposed to paying the men but felt bound to follow the law. * * * * * It is safe to say no more special constables * * * will hereafter be seen at the polls in Delaware."—New Era.

"The brainy editor of the TRANSCRIPT" is not content because this is an unjust burden placed upon the people. The New Era, which said not the word against the payment of this money while it was being considered by the Levy Court, presumes that we are "content" because the payment is five dollars to each man rather than fifteen, the original claim, and the amount paid to the last special constables. But we are not. It is legal robbery to bribe a few men to vote the Democratic ticket. That is a harsh sentence but it is true. Nor was there justification for the payment in law. The law expressly says the appointment must be upon petition of fifty citizens. There is no evidence except the word of Robert J. Reynolds that such a petition ever had an existence, and Mr. Reynolds' word is worth nothing politically. Hundreds of Democrats can testify to that fact. The members of the Levy Court had no warrants for voting away the people's money and knowing it, held the meeting at which the matter was considered behind closed doors. Why should the public be shut out when the people's money is being voted away? It won't do. The Democratic Party was responsible for the appointment of the special constables and it has made itself responsible for the payment of them.

The New Era is misleading, as usual, in its statements. It says "the Court felt bound to follow the law," whatever that may mean. The supposition is that the Court, "to a man," voted for the payment of the special constables. That is the inference from the New Era article. But it is not true. The two Republican members of that Levy Court voted against the payment and protested that it was wrong. The three Democratic members took the responsibility and the burden upon themselves, and upon the Democratic Party rests the shame of this misuse of the public money.

The New Era states a half truth when it says "no more special constables for Delaware." The repeal of that obnoxious law is due to the Republicans. They repealed it with a Republican Governor in the chair, not because they feared he would misuse it but because from principle they are opposed to partisan laws.

But we wish to ask the New Era if it is content with the payment of five dollars to each of the special constables, five or six thousand dollars of the hard-earned money of the taxpayers of New Castle county? Are you content? And the taxpayers, are you content? Let

not party enter into the matter at all, but answer the question from a taxpayers standpoint. Do you approve of the acts of a partisan Levy Court, for had these men been Republicans they would not have been paid? Are you content?

IS IT "ADDICKS OR NOBODY?"

It is reported that J. Edward Addicks has purchased the State Sentinel at Dover and that George W. Roberts of the Morning News staff is to become editor. Mr. Roberts has been credited with writing the Addicks articles that have appeared in that paper for the past month or two. This means a continuation of the political warfare in the Republican Party of "Addicks or nobody." It means that the man who controlled four votes in the last General Assembly to prevent the election of any Republican save Addicks and then conspired with the Democrats to prevent an election at all, has been persuaded, easily persuaded we have no doubt, to believe that he can control the primaries in Kent and Sussex counties by purchase if not otherwise, and that having nominated the ticket, he can purchase the election. We do not believe he can do any of these things but he can be given that encouragement by Republicans in Kent and Sussex that will disrupt and defeat the party there. Certainly Addicksism in any part of the State ticket next fall means the defeat of the Republicans in New Castle county. New Castle Republicans look upon him as a political traitor and they will never touch him. No power, no force, no arguments would change their opinions of Mr. Addicks and his methods. The question is, will the Republicans of Kent and Sussex counties suffer Mr. Addicks to so control the party there as to jeopardize the whole interests of the party in the State? That is what his control means. The time to answer the question is now. '96 is a Republican year; will the tried and true Republicans of Kent and Sussex join their party associates in New Castle for a victory next November? What shall the answer be?

IN KENT COUNTY.

Hon. Geo. V. Massey has moved to Philadelphia.

"Reuben Scruggs," the humorous writer and lecturer, of Dover, will speak in the Smyrna Opera House, on Thanksgiving night, for the benefit of the Ladies Mite Society.

Mr. Louis Barnard, who was in the merchandise business at Clayton for some time, has transferred his stock to Cheshire, where he is now in business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Collins.

The Kent County oystermen have been indulging in a little war among themselves. Several of those who violated the law as to size of oysters taken from the beds paid fines ranging from \$10 to \$30.

Mr. Catharine A. Jones died at her residence in Kenton, Thursday of last week of pleurisy, aged 77 years, 10 months and 4 days. Her remains were interred at Brynzer Baptist Cemetery last Saturday, Elder Rittenhouse conducting the services.

The program for the Kent County Teachers Institute to be held at Smyrna beginning December 4, has been announced, the list of instructors includes Dr. A. E. Winslow, of Boston, Dr. George M. Phillips, of West Chester, Dr. W. King, Sup't. R. M. McNease, Sup't. Houck, Dr. Raub and Miss Emma V. Thomas.

Joseph M. Chambers died at the home of his brother in Avondale, Pa., Nov. 6th. He was for over twenty years one of Dover's most prominent citizens. He founded the well-known canning factory and built one of the handsome stone dwellings on State street. He was a candidate for State Senator on the Republican ticket and was enrolling clerk to the last House of Representatives.

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CENT A WORD CORNER.

ONE CENT A WORD EACH INSERTION.

WANTS—Do you want money or house? Do you want to sell or buy? Do you want to lease or rent? Do you want a wife or a divorce? Have you a "long-tail" want? Send a Cent a Word Corner will bring the answer.

EVERYBODY uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy. It cures 250.

TRY as you can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10¢.

WANTED AGENTS—Male and Female, to sell choice and hardy Nursery Stock, such as Fruit Trees, Roses, Shrubs and Ornamentals. Large quantity of choice and hardy Nursery Stock, will be light and profitable. OUTFIT FREE. Apply at once, with references, and secure a territory. F. N. MARSHAL, Nurseryman and Seedsmen, Rochester, N. Y.

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WANTS—A SALARY COME HANDY? See advertisement of a "Change to make money" in another column, if you want a position.

WANTED—AN IDEA Who can think thing to patient? Protect yourself, bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1,000 prize offer.

NOTICE.

If you receive a copy of this paper which you did not order, consider it an invitation to subscribe. If you do not want it, kindly hand it to a neighbor. No charges is made for it unless ordered.

Local News.

—Corn went up 2 cents yesterday, to 30, and wheat to 63.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

—Ex-State Treasurer Burnite settled in full with the State last week, ten months after his successor was elected. The amount due was \$1,150.

—Robert Adair, of Wilmington, having passed a successful examination, will be admitted to the New Castle bar at the November term.

—The TRANSCRIBER is indebted to Clerk of the Peace Board in securing from the Prothonotary's office a copy of the laws recently issued.

—Mrs. T. B. Merritt, of Wilmington, has received a check for \$2,000 from the Grand Recorder of the A. C. U. W. in payment of the insurance policy held by her late husband.

—Mr. John Dawson had the misfortune to lose a wheel this week valued at \$65. A colored individual hired it and rode away with it, and at the latest report had not been found from him.

—Peter L. Cooper, Jr., Esqr., of Wilmington, son of Ex-Sheriff Peter L. Cooper, of Dover, has been named as Deputy Attorney General by Mr. White. This is an excellent appointment.

—It is getting to be quite the thing to graduate and get a position through the recommendation of that fine school, Godey's of Wilmington, (Del.), Commercial and Short Hand College. Get a Catalogue.

—The old Reed mansion in New Castle, which was recently presented to the P. E. Church of that city, was dedicated as a parish house on Monday evening, by Bishop Coleman. Eight rooms were consecrated; and a large number of persons witnessed the ceremonies.

—What doth it profit a man? if he spends years of ceaseless toil and worry in perfecting an article of any kind if, by the end he lose the main chance by failure to properly advertise the result? If you have a good thing tell somebody about it; they may want it. —Agricultural Advertiser.

—Mr. ank Mrs. Samuel Merritt attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Owen Dolson, of Philadelphia, who was buried at Sassafras, Md., on Wednesday. Her death resulted from burns received by upsetting a lamp two weeks ago. She leaves a husband and four little children, the youngest on y one year old.

—The Tax scrip has a new carrier, not yet fully acquainted with the delivery of the town papers. Notice of failure to receive paper will be appreciated and corrected at once. Papers will be served between 7 and 8 o'clock every Saturday morning and just at such place as patrons desire. Inform the carrier or the office just where you want your paper left.

—The game in Maryland is suffering at the hands of the Delaware sportsmen. The gunning season in this State was cut down to one month by the General Assembly last winter because of the extreme cold weather which was supposed to have killed off the game. The shooting season here for quail and rabbits is from December 1st to December 31st.

—The old "Lore Mill," at the head of Blackbird creek, in Blackbird hundred, has been sold again. It was owned by the heirs of Jesse Taylor, of West Chester, and was purchased by Frank Bailey, of Smyrna. It formerly was owned by W. E. Evans, of this town, and is one of the oldest mills in this section. The new owner will build a new and modern mill in the place of the old, with all the latest roller machinery.

—Mr. Davis R. Grier, representing the Lester Piano, manufactured by F. A. North & Co., No. 1308 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was in Middletown this week in the interest of his house. Mr. Grier reports that the residents of many Delaware towns have already learned the merits of the Lester Piano and that unless present indications fail there will be others in Middletown who will be the happy possessors of a Lester Piano before snow flies.

—Preparations are going forward for the annual Thanksgiving entertainment, festival and supper, by the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church. The popular and pleasing drama entitled "Hick'ry Farm" will be rendered by local talent, and as all the participants are among Middletown's most popular amateur performers and the play full of humor, abounding in ridiculous situations and amusing scenes, it cannot fail to please. The festival and supper under the management of those who have made the Mite Society suppers famous, will be a suitable fit for the present. See the advertisement in another column.

—The members of the Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo., who have been domiciled at the National Hotel of this town since July 1st, moved this week to Havre de Grace, Md. They have canvassed New Castle county, upper Kent, and most of Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne, in Maryland, and have sold over \$300 of the Home Comfort Steel Ranges. A more gentlemanly company of men would be hard to find, intelligent, genial and good talkers. They have traveled over all parts of the country and understand human nature as it is to be found. The gentlemen composing this Division are: F. T. Neal, of Tennessee; E. N. S. Lee, J. D. Taylor, O. D. Henderson, O. K. McCarty, of Virginia; A. Wallin, of Kentucky; W. C. Wharton and D. Eason, of North Carolina; W. H. Stack, of South Carolina; and S. F. Forman, of Indiana.

—Death of an M. E. Pastor. Rev. Jno. D. Leates, pastor of Madley M. E. Church, Wilmington, died at the Parsons Monday morning, of pneumonia after an illness of less than a week. He was received in the Wilmington Conference in 1892 and served the church at Tilghman's until last spring when he was appointed to the charge at which he died. He was a native of Princess Anne, Md., and was 41 years old. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a faithful and earnest worker and a successful minister of the gospel. His funeral took place on Wednesday, interment being made at Princess Anne. Rev. L. A. Barrett conducted the services.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Little Flirrie Adams is quite ill of marital fever.

—Mr. Cosgriff, of Smyrna, was in town on Wednesday.

—Mrs. John S. Crouch is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Messrs. Frank Pool and Reece Parker will spend Sunday in Baltimore.

—Miss Jennie Brice, of Sassafras, Md., is the guest of the Misses Eshenhofer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maxwell have returned from their trip South.

—Miss Ada L. Lockwood is visiting at James' Bradford's in Wilmington.

—Mrs. J. M. Naudain and little folks have returned to their home in Baltimore.

—Miss Lucy Cochran, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is now convalescent.

—Mrs. W. E. Barnard and Miss Mabelle Taylor spent the day Thursday in Philadelphia.

—Miss Sadie Burgess, of Still Pond, Md., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

—Stanley M. Arthurs is one of the Middletown students at Goldey's College, in Wilmington.

—Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mrs. W. J. Barnett and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong spent Wednesday at Newark.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Browne have returned from their bridal trip and were in town yesterday.

—Mrs. W. E. Somers, of the Quaker City, was the guest last week of her cousins, the Misses Anderson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, of Milford, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Manlove Wilson, this week.

—William Burris, of Washington, D. C., made a brief visit to Middletown friends this week.

—Mrs. Mary Budd and Mrs. Sarah Trister welcome to the old home of the former near Sassafras, for a visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clandaniel, of Middletown, Md., were the guests of Mr. Leslie Shirlitz Sunday and Monday.

—Misses Mollie and Annie Wilson, and their guest, Miss Jenny Davis, spent the day with friends near Smyrna.

—Mr. George Satterfield, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Middletown, was in town this week, after an absence of over sixteen years.

—Mrs. Martha Woodkeeper, of Smyrna, who has been visiting her son in Philadelphia, is now being entertained by her sister, Mrs. Joseph Edwards near town.

—Mrs. Joseph Mendenhall, of Wilmington, was the guest of her father, Mr. Charles Cochran, this week, left town yesterday for a visit to friends in Ingleside, Md.

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